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Creative Writing: S1 B Block

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Tim Bray (Mr. Bray)
Writing exercise #1: I stood there wondering why all this happened to me...
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Tim Bray (Mr. Bray)
I stood there wondering why all this happened to me, because I certainly didn't deserve to have my arm broken and my gerbil dead. I mean seriously, who deserves that? It all started the night before last at my friend's house in Kalispell. We had decided to have a small movie party with a bunch of our classmates at John's house. Everybody was excited about it because John's parents have a beautiful house over-looking the entire Flathead valley. At night from his yard, it was difficult to tell where the sky met the mountains. Stars were visible like someone had poked a million little holes in a black piece of construction paper and held it up to the light. At times you could actually see the murky milk in

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Friday, August 16, 2013

- Goals for Creative Writing this semester 8:00 am
- Writing Exercise #1 9:31 am

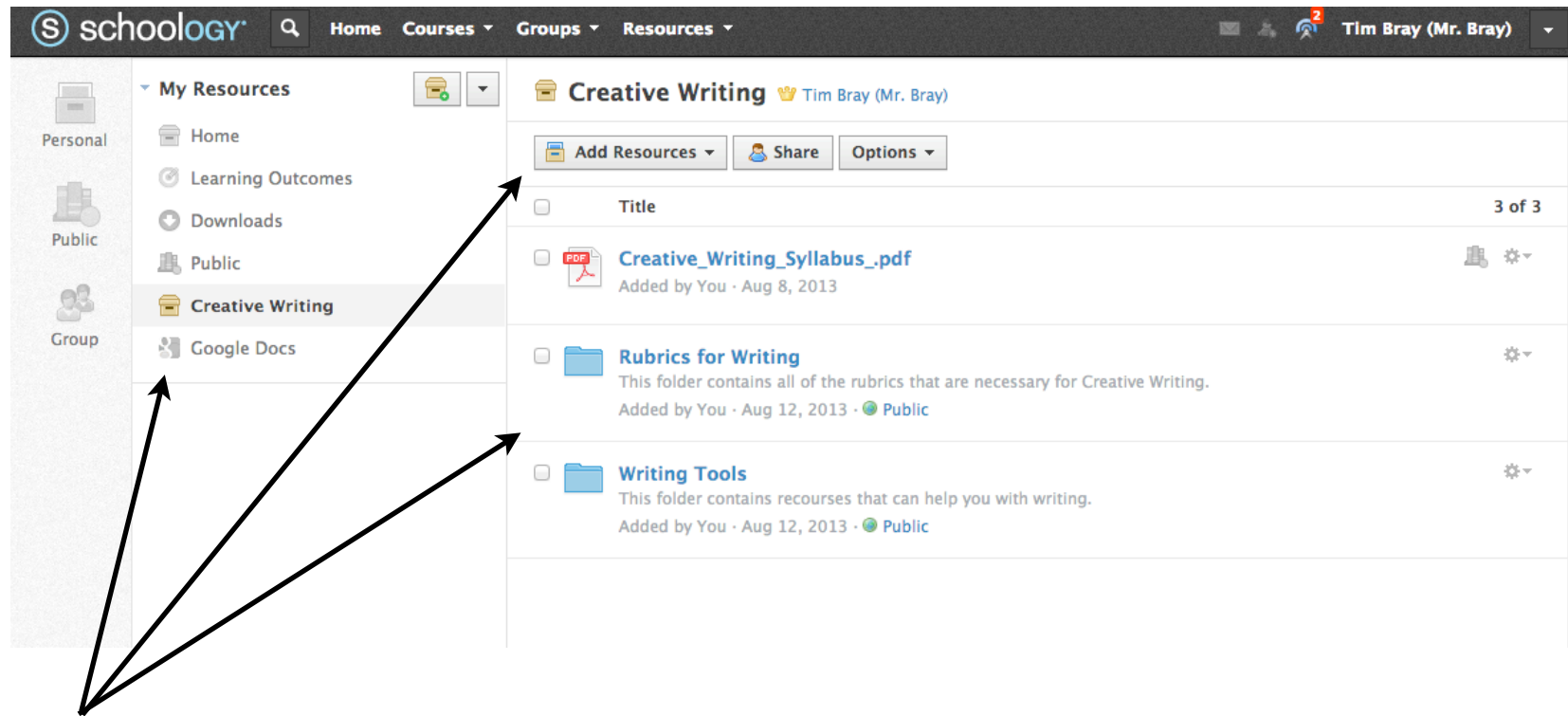
Monday, August 19, 2013

- Blog/Journal Choice 2:55 pm

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

- Essential Question: What makes good writing? 12:17 pm

Updates allows you to provide content to your courses that shows up in the students' feed, similar to your News Feed in Facebook. It is specific to each course, but you can copy to other courses. The text box allows you to write your update and the task bar below allows you to add resources, links, audio/video, and polls. It is a great way to get immediate feedback on a topic or lesson from your students.



The Resources area is where you can upload PDF or Word documents, photos, videos, etc. to your resource library that can then be added to courses. It is better to upload items here and then share them to your courses, because they can be accessed by all of your courses. You can also create folders to organize your resources. This is also where you can access your Google Docs and share them to a course. You can also share your resources with other teachers or to the Schoology public.

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Rubrics for Writing

This folder contains all of the rubrics that are necessary for Creative Writing.

Writing Tools

This folder contains resources that can help you with writing.

Course Information

Course syllabus and other information about assessment.

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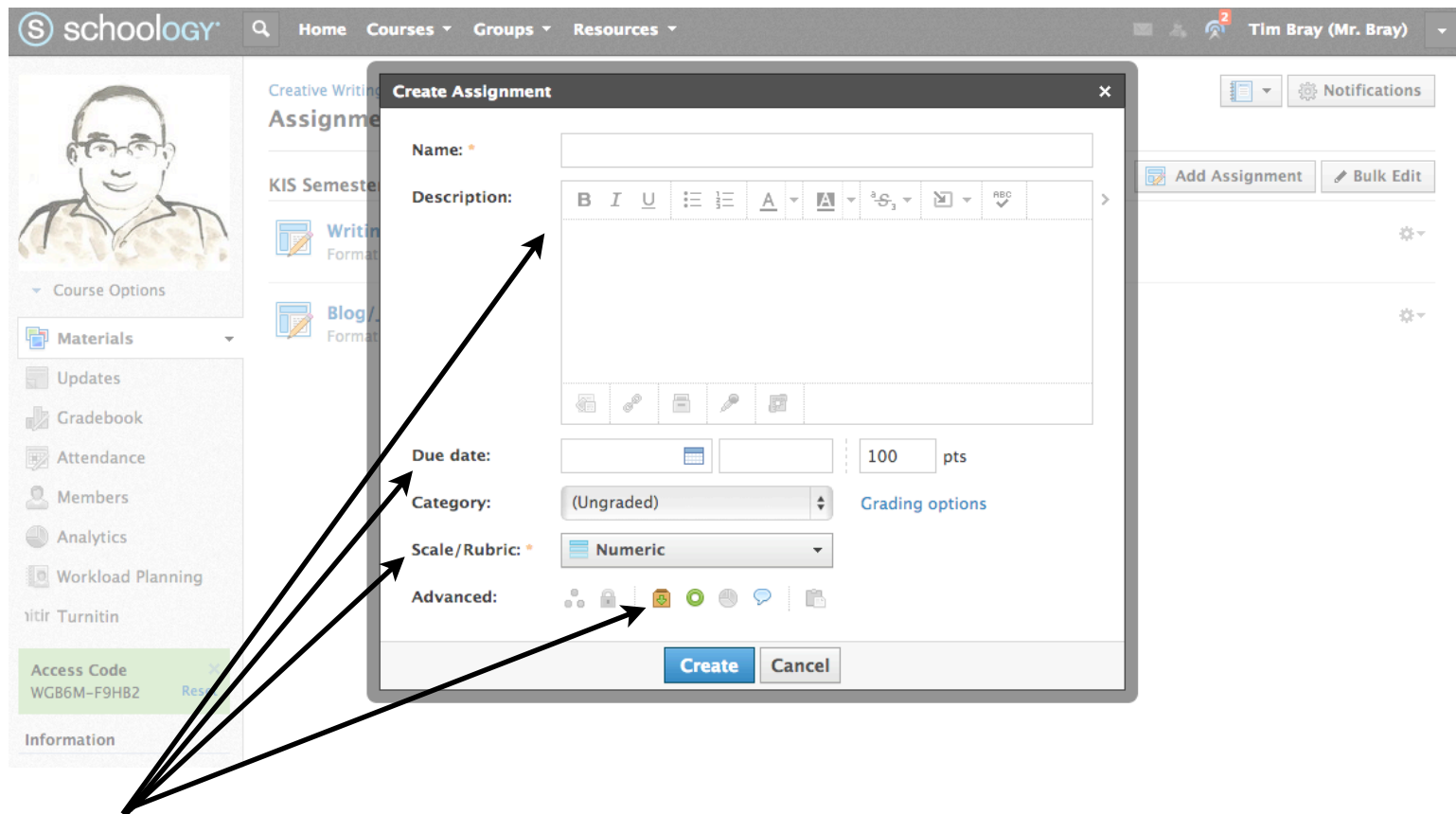
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In your personal resources you will have access to the folders you have created as well as tools for creating assignments, tests/quizzes, files/links, albums, and pages.



When you create an assignment, the assignment window will open and you will be able to enter the name, description, grading information, due date and time, and advanced features like enable dropbox so students can turn their assignments in to you through Schoology. Once you have your assignment ready you can hit the create button and it will be live.

The screenshot shows the Schoology interface for a course titled "Creative Writing: S1 B Block". The "Tests/Quizzes" section is active. A "Create Test/Quiz" modal window is open, allowing the user to define a new assessment. The modal includes fields for Name, Due date, Points (set to 100), Category (set to Ungraded), Scale (set to Numeric), and Advanced options. Arrows indicate the flow from the "Add Test/Quiz" button in the background to the "Name" and "Category" fields in the modal.

| Field | Value |
|----------|------------|
| Name | |
| Due date | |
| Points | 100 pts |
| Category | (Ungraded) |
| Scale | Numeric |
| Advanced | |

You can upload tests/quizzes in Schoology or create them right inside Schoology itself, but either option starts with the add Test/Quiz button. Similar to the assignment window, you will name the resource, supply a due date and time, and the grading information.

The screenshot shows the Schoology interface for a course titled "Creative Writing: S1 B Block". The user is Tim Bray (Mr. Bray). The "Files/Links" section is active, displaying a list of resources. A dropdown menu is open under the "Add" button, showing options: "Add File", "Add Link", and "Add External Tool". Two arrows point from the bottom left towards the "Add" button and the first file entry.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Condensed.pdf VIEW | Tim Bray (Mr. Bray) | Aug 12, 2013 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Common_Core_Rubrics_Gr11-12.pdf VIEW Folder: Rubrics for Writing | Tim Bray (Mr. Bray) | Aug 12, 2013 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Common_Core_Rubrics_Gr9-10.pdf VIEW Folder: Rubrics for Writing | Tim Bray (Mr. Bray) | Aug 12, 2013 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Creative_Writing_Syllabus_.pdf VIEW | Tim Bray (Mr. Bray) | Aug 12, 2013 |
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In Files/Links you can individually (or in mass) upload or add materials from your computer or links from the Internet. These are Files/Links specific to the course, you can easily add items from your Resources area to multiple courses, so we recommend that you use the Resource area and then copy them to your courses.

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Creative Writing: S1 B Block Discussions

Goals for Creative Writing this semester

Due: Friday, August 16, 2013 at 8:00 am

Research shows that people who set goals, and work toward them, accomplish more than people who do not set goals. Clearly this is an important life skill to learn and master. Please set two or three goals for yourself for the semester. Please do not write, "Get and A," as your goal.

Created by Tim Bray (Mr. Bray) on Mon Aug 12, 2013 at 1:03 pm

Filter by user

Michael Kim
For this semester,
1. Try to express my writing fully with creative description
2. Getting to know each other my peers well and friendly
Reply · Unlike · 1 · Delete · Mon Aug 12, 2013 at 9:43 am

Tim Bray (Mr. Bray)
Michael,
I'm not finding you in PowerSchool, do you go by a Korean name as well? If so, what is it? I also think you might be logged in with a personal Schoology and not the KIS Schoology. Can you stop by the EdTech office?
Tim
Reply · Like · Delete · Tue Aug 13, 2013 at 2:46 pm

Tim Bray (Mr. Bray)
Michael,
Thanks for sharing. I feel that developing your creative descriptive writing abilities is a very good goal to strive for during the semester. And getting along well with people is always important, good life skill.
Chase

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Posted by Na Young Song (Kelly)
Today at 8:26 am

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Location

Discussions can be added to extend learning to before and after class. This works similar to old-school discussion boards -- a question or statement is posted and people respond to it. You can enable the discussion to be graded and included in your grade book. Your score will be visible to the student who earned the mark and you can also include a comment. The box in the lower right-hand side of the screen allows you to jump to different comments; plus, you can also filter by user in the top of the discussion area.

The screenshot shows the Schoology 'Edit Page' interface. The page title is 'Creative Writing 2013-14'. The content area contains a welcome message from Mr. Bray, his contact information (Blog: [The Learning Coach](#), Office: M301, Phone: 031-789-0509 Ext. 715, Email: tbray@kis.or.kr, Twitter: @tsbray), and a note about preferring messages in Schoology. The interface includes a rich text editor with various formatting options (bold, italic, underline, list, link, image, table, etc.) and a 'Save Changes' button. The left sidebar shows navigation options like Course Options, Materials, Updates, Gradebook, Attendance, Members, Analytics, Workload Planning, and Turnitin. The bottom of the sidebar displays the Access Code WGB6M-F9HB2 and the Grading period KIS Semester I, 2013-14.

Pages are good for providing static information that will not be changing. You can group information into units, chapters, etc. that will enhance the delivery of content to your students. If you are a wiki user, Pages will be very familiar to you. The screen shot shows the user interface and you can see that it is basically a simple word processor with the ability to add links and files. The picture you see is my information page for Creative Writing in editing mode.